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Suharto-Mugabe talks:

Zimbabwe will no longer oppose E Timor integration into Indonesia

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President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe understands the explanation about East Timor's integration into Indonesia in 1976. Until now, Zimbabwe has voted at the UN against E Timor's integration into Indonesia but in the past few years, the attitude of this African state has modified. This change of attitude was explained by President Mugabe when he had discussions with President Suharto on Wednesday 6 July.

State Secretary Moerdiono told the press that during the talks, President Suharto also explained the struggle of the people of E Timor to free themselves from Portuguese colonialism and (how) the E Timorese people were determined to link up with Indonesia. President Suharto also told his guest about Indonesia's consistent support for the struggles of the people in the continent of Africa to free themselves from colonialism. "Even though some African countries still raise the issue of E Timor's integration, Indonesia continues to recognise those states whose governments are supported by the majority of the people," the (Indonesian) Head of State was quoted as saying by Murdiono. He added that Fretilin had been created by Portugal not for the purpose of ending colonialism. Having been told this, President Mugabe appeared to be more open.

The E Timorese people's desire to integrate with Indonesia was also explained by Foreign Minister Alatas to the Zimbabwean Foreign Minister, Dr Nathan Syamuyarira.

Before Moerdiono told the press about the results of the meeting between the two heads of state, President Mugabe said in reply to a question from the press that he has invited President Suharto to visit Zimbabwe. "He accepted the invitation although the timing of the visit is still to be discussed," he said.

[The remainder of the item, dealing with economic ties, is covered in the *Jakarta Post* item overleaf.]

Zimbabwe, RI to strengthen relationship

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JAKARTA (JP): The Zimbabwean and Indonesian governments have agreed to establish bilateral cooperation in various sectors, including economy, trade and education and to strengthen cooperation among developing nations.

"The Indonesian and Zimbabwean delegations agreed to set up cooperation between the two countries and promote South-South cooperation," Minister/State Secretary Moerdiono told reporters after a bilateral meeting between the two countries' delegations at the Merdeka Palace here yesterday.

The Indonesian delegation, led by President Soeharto, consisted of Foreign Minister Ali Alatas, Moerdiono and eight other senior officials, while the Zimbabwean delegation, led by President Robert Mugabe, had Minister of Foreign Affairs Nathan M. Shamuyarita, Minister of State for Regional and International Cooperation Simbi V. Mubako, Minister of State for Finance, Economic Planning and Development Tichaendepi R. Masaya and six other senior officials.

Mugabe, who was accompanied by his wife, arrived in Bali Monday before making a two-day official visit here beginning Tuesday. He left here for Zimbabwe yesterday afternoon.

When asked by reporters, Mugabe said: "We are looking forward to establishing real cooperation in trade, technology, education and so on."

"We are also committed to reinforcing South-South cooperation in accordance with the frameworks of the G-15 (Group of 15 developing countries) and Non-Aligned Movement," he added.

Moerdiono said Zimbabwe was studying the possibility of buying aircraft, aircraft spare parts and telecommunications equipment from Indonesia.

He commented that Mugabe was apparently impressed by Indonesia's aircraft industry after visiting the stateowned PT Nusantara Aircraft Industry's (IPTN) plant in Bandung, West Java, on Tuesday.

"President Mugabe said he would soon send a team of officials from the ministries of foreign affairs, defense and trade to visit IPTN to study what products can be bought from the company," Moerdiono said.

Moerdiono said Zimbabwe used Casa helicopters and Boeing planes. IPTN has a tie-up with Casa of Spain to produce helicopters and fixed-wing planes and with Boeing of the United States for manufacturing jet plane components.

Moerdiono said the two delegations also agreed to promote trade ties between the countries by sending missions to take part in trade fairs in each other's country.

The delegations were also looking into the possibility of cooperation in aviation, he said.

East Timor

Moerdiono said during the meeting, Minister Alatas briefed the Zimbabwean delegates on developments in East Timor — a former Portuguese colony integrated into Indonesia in 1976.

"I have the impression that the Zimbabwean delegates accept Indonesia's explanations about the integration of East Timor into Indonesia," Moerdiono replied when asked about the guests' response.

Zimbabwe, together with a number of African countries, used to oppose United Nations resolutions on East Timor's integration into Indonesia prepared by Indonesia up to 1982.

Moerdiono said Fretilin — a former pro-communist party in East Timor — was the only group in East Timor opposing the integration of the former Portuguese colony into Indonesia.

"Fretilin, which was set up by the Portuguese government in Portugal, was a bad example of a colonial product which was finally used as a time bomb in East Timor," he commented.